(f) what steps are being taken by Government to direct the companies to refund the money so collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The number of companies given consents to raise initial capital and the amount consented is as tabulated below:—

(Rs. in crores)

1988-89	1987-88	1986-87	1985-86	1984-85
145 820.88	116 612.80	213 824.95	241 654.5	154 557.28

(b) Commencement of operations by a company depends upon a variety of factors and is not linked only to the raising of money from the public.

(c) Such information is not maintained.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Memorandum from Ramnad District Tin Article Manufacturers' Association, Virudhanagar, Tamil Nadu

3028. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Ramnad District Tin Article Manufacturers' Association Virudhnagar (T.N.) against the heavy guarantee fees charge Ratio; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to redress their grievance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. The memorandum dated 12th July, 1989 received from the Ramnad District Tin Article Manufacturers' Association regarding increase in the guarantee fees being charged by deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGCI) has been referred to Reserve Bank of India and DICGCI.

(b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that the guarantee fee payable to DICGCI has been enhanced with effect from 1st April, 1989 and the banks have been advised in May, 1989 to follow the following procedures:

(i) Banks will continue to bear the guarantee fees in respect of advances to weaker sections, pure consumption loans, etc. as hitherto.

(ii) In the case of advances where the banks charge interest of 16 per cent or more, the banks will have to absorb the guarantee fees.

(iii) In all other cases the banks will ensure that lending rate as stipulated together with the guarantee fees, irrespective of whether it is levied separately or not, does not exceed 16 per cent. Reserve Bank of India has further clarified in June, 1989 that these instructions are applicable not only to the SSI Sector but also to all priority sector advances and are applicable from 1st April, 1989.

चीनी मिलों को उत्पाद शुल्क से छूट दिया जाना

3029. **सरदार जपजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार चीनी मिलों को उत्पाद शुल्क की वर्तमान दर पर छूट देने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) यह छूट कब तक दे दिए जाने की सम्भावना है और क्या इस छूट का लाभ आम उपभोक्ता तक पहुंचेगा ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या आवश्यक कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राजस्व विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) :(क) से (घ) चीनी पर उत्पादन शुल्क की दरों में कोई सामान्य कमी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है । तथापि, आने वाली चीनी मौसम के आरम्भिक महीनों के दौरान अधिक उत्पादन के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने हेतु चीनी कारखानों को उत्पादन शुल्क में उपयुक्त राहत देने के लिए मंत्रालय को सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं । इन सुझावों की जांच की जा रही है ।

Curtailment of foreign visits by Government officials

3030. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions for curtailing foreign visits by Government officials as an economy measure and to conserve foreign exchange;

(b) if so, whether these instructions are also applicable to the directors of autonomous, departmental and Government aided scientific institutions; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the foreign visits undertaken by the Directors of such institutions during the last two year, date-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Government of India have issued instructions from time to time to all its Ministries/Departments advising them to restrict foreign visits of their officers to the barest minimum. Each proposal for deputation abroad is strictly scrutinised and agreed to only if the visit is considered inescapable and absolutely necessary in public interest.

(b) These instructions are not automatically applicable in case of autonomous organisations and the other institutions attached to them. In their case, suitable instructions are issued by the administrative Ministries.

(c) The information is not available and will have to be collected from all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. Collection of this information will involve considerable time and labour and the result to be achieved will not be commensurate with the time and labour involved in collecting the information.

Anti-India activities in Srinagar

3031. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently at a crowded meeting in Jama Masjid in Srinagar to mourn the death of Ayatollah Khomeni anti-India statements were made over the microphone and Indian tricolour was burnt and all this happened in the presence of the Iranian Ambassador to India;

(b) whether this incident was reported to the Home Ministry by the intelligence sources and also by the Kashmir Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government have received reports from its sources regarding the meeting on the 9th June, 1989, at Jama Masjid, Srinagar. According to these reports, the post—"Fateh Khani" (prayer for the departed soul) condolence meeting was marred by repeated disruptions by rival sections of youth owing allegiance to different groups. Some speakers made inflammatory speeches and were jeered and one was forced